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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the first paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph to add Serial No. information. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

Cross Reference to Related Applications

This is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/075,571 filed on 26 October 2001 entitled "System and Method for Depth Profiling" which is incorporated herein by reference.

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